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1. WASHINGTON AGENCIES PROCEEDED ON ASSUMPTION MEETING OF BOARD WAS TO TAKE PLACE IN JUNE OR JULY TO CONSIDER SUBJECT OF JOINT PROJECTS THAT NEED EARLY FINANCING. UNLESS BOARD GRANTS AUTHORITY FOR UTILIZATION OF JOINT FUND IN JULY FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS THERE WILL BE UNACCEPTABLE DELAYS IN GETTING OFF THOSE PROJECTS AND IN CASE OF OTHER PROJECTS THERE WILL BE RUN OUT OF MONEY BEFORE FALL MEETING OF BOARD. IN PROCESS OF ASSUMING LARGEST POSSIBLE U. S. CONTRIBUTION TO JOINT FUND, DEPARTMENT KEPT " EMERGENCY RELEASES" TO AGENCIES AT ABSOLUTE MINIMUM. CERTAIN PROJECTS WILL SUFFER IF THE

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SECOND FY 1973 RELEASE IS NOT MADE FROM THE JOINT FUND IN NEAR FUTURE. MOREOVER, MANY OF THE PROJECTS ON YUGOSLAV LISTS A AND A-1 ARE DEFERRALS FROM FY 1972 AND SHOULD BE DEVELOPED IF OPTIMUM RESEARCH BENEFITS ARE TO BE OBTAINED. WITH RESPECT TO FAISECTC CONCERN ABOUT CLEARANCE WITH REPUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, BOARD MEETING WOULD ENDORSE ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY THOSE PROJECTS ON LISTS A AND A-1 ON WHICH THERE WAS ALREADY FAISECTC- REPUBLIC AGREEMENT. STATUS OF OTHERS WOULD BE REVIEWED TO DETERMINE ACTION REQUIRED ON BOTH SIDES IN PREPARATION FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING; I. E. RE MAJOR U. S. AMENDMENTS, SUBSTITUTIONS, REJECTIONS AND AS YET UNDELIVERED YUGOSLAV PROPOSALS.

2. SECOND REASON FOR JULY MEETING IS TO SETTLE ON PROCEDURES, WHICH IF NOT SYSTEMATIZED, WILL LEAD TO CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION IN THE INTERIM BETWEEN MEETINGS (U. S. SUGGESTIONS BEING SENT SEPTTEL).

3. BOARD MUST ALSO SELECT CHAIRMAN WHO WILL HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR BOARD COMMUNICATIONS ON FISCAL AND OTHER MATTERS. ASSUME AT OUTSET THIS WOULD BE YUGOSLAV, AS TREASURER IS U. S. NATIONAL.

4. SEPARATE TELEGRAMS BEING SENT REGARDING OTHER QUESTIONS RAISED REFTEL. ADDITIONAL APPORTIONMENT AUTHORITY HAS BEEN ISSUED BY OMB PERMITTING DEPOSITS TO JOINT FUND AS PER AGREEMENT. DEPARTMENT AND AGENCIES IN PROCESS PREPARING AGENCY GRANTS FOR DEPOSIT TO JOINT FUND. EVERY EFFORT BEING MADE TO SEND THESE PRIOR JULY 1 BUT SOME PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS MAY ARRIVE BELGRADE SHORTLY THEREAFTER WITHOUT ADVERSELY AFFECTING OBLIGATION AUTHORITY. ROGERS

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